

### **Military Academy Nominations**

South Dakotans have a long and proud tradition of service to our country. Through our nation's service academies, young Americans have an opportunity to receive a paid education from a fine institution and graduate as commissioned officers in the United States Armed Services.

Each year, I am proud to nominate some of South Dakota's best and brightest high school seniors to our nation's service academies. Nominations and appointments to the academies are highly competitive, and are based on candidates' character, scholarship, leadership ability, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals and motivation.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to qualify for an Academy nomination, the following requirements must be met:

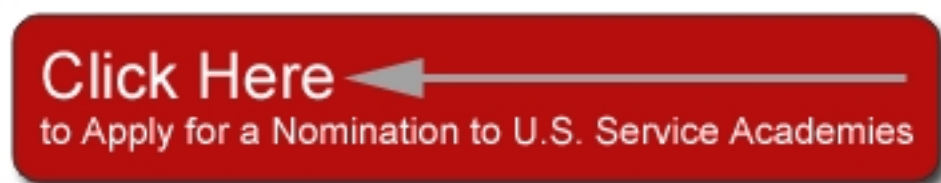
- You must be unmarried and without any dependents.
- You must be between the ages of 17 and 22 on July 1 of the year you wish to enter the Academy
- You or your parents must be a legal resident of South Dakota

### **ACADEMIES**

[United States Military Academy &#8211; West Point](#)  
[United States Naval Academy](#)  
[United States Air Force Academy](#)  
[United States Merchant Marine Academy](#)

NOTE: The [United States Coast Guard Academy](#) does not require Congressional nomination. Please contact that Academy directly.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ACADEMY NOMINATION



Please contact Laura McNaughton in my Sioux Falls office at 605-367-8371 or by email at [laura.mcnaughton@mail.house.gov](mailto:laura.mcnaughton@mail.house.gov), if you have any questions about the application process. I look forward to reviewing your nomination application.